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IT TOOK a good many years of hard work to convince the American congress that piracy was not less disreputable in the book trade than on the high seas. American playwrights, no less than American authors, deserve legal protection from barnstorming pirate managers who steal their livelihood on honest labor's expense. The delegation of dramatists which wants congress to do its duty in this matter should not be long kept in uncertainty as to the result of their petition.

## The Farce is Yet On.

That was a telling thrust by Senator Hoar when he declared that the senate edition of the Wilson bill "is founded upon no principle, and is born of an unnatural union between two hatreds—that of section against section and that of class against class." "Two dangers," he added impressively, "threaten the republic. One is the acquisition in a few hands of vast accumulations of wealth by dishonest or questionable practices, and the other the wicked and unscrupulous appeal to the prejudices and passions of large masses of people by political leaders for political influence, spreading abroad throughout the country falsehoods which make the people disaffected with their own institutions and their own laws."

When it is recalled with what intemperance of vituperation the Democratic campaign managers used to denounce the McKinley bill as a fraud on the consumer, a sop to blackmailed trusts and a barter of principles in exchange for campaign assessments, it is curious to view how thoroughly the Democratic senate has fallen into the same "unconstitutional" pitfalls. Note the following brief summary of the 40 amendments tacked on, at the instigation of interested combinations of capital, by the Democratic finance committee of the senate to the Wilson bill as it emerged from the house. We use the language of the Washington correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch:

Of course, none of the great interests demanding protection get what they want, but it is safe to say that nearly all of them are getting by the amended bill more than they expected. The glass, pottery, iron and steel, and other great interests are materially favored by the changes, which range from 5 to 75 per cent advance as compared with the Wilson bill. Sugar gets a little less than was reported a few days ago, but \$7 a ton is better than the \$4.50 or \$5 of the Wilson bill. Tin plate, which was cut down by the finance committee, is restored to the figure of the Wilson bill, 1.15 cents a pound. An advance is made all along the line in chemicals and drugs. Agriculturists are benefited in nearly a hundred amendments. The Treasury and Senator Murphy are triumphant in getting almost what they demanded in relation to colors and cuts and shirts. Wool shorn at shears have been advanced by the wreckers of the Wilson bill.

In the judgment of other citizens of all parties, the most dangerous element in our citizenship is that which barter principle for selfish advantage. We call persons who do this demagogues. The Democratic senator who promises one course of public action and pursues another because it is more advantageous to himself or to his party, cannot escape a similar designation. He is a public enemy, because he would betray his country and his conscience for money or position. In the garish light of the utter lack of dominating principle, consistency or manhood exhibited by this Democratic administration in its treatment of momentous pending issues can we wonder that disaffected and ignorant men, under the double smart of hunger and disgust, should give vent to turbulence, march in lawless hordes to the nation's capital for redress, or indulge through indolent writers and spokesmen, in incendiary language or riotous demonstration?

The Democratic party, as at present managed, is utterly unfit to govern the republic.

There is a tendency to reduce the doleage of congressional salaries to an absurdity. Men who get paid for expected work ought to be willing to do the work, and do it carefully and well. Yet the man who has intelligence enough to meet the requirements of a member of the American congress ought, theoretically at least, to be above the puerile standards of discipline that prevail in the government of transient school boys. If there are men in congress who cannot be trusted to attend to their duties without the whip of an overseer cracking at their backs, they should be attended to by their constituents. We should not take the humiliating alternative of publicly confessing, by the present strained dockage system, that our federal lawmakers are unfit to be trusted to make correct returns of their own days of public labor.

Thug Tactics on the Diamond. Among the great majority of persons who attend base ball contests, in Scranton as well as elsewhere the principal desire is to see good, clean, sharp playing by well-balanced nines under circumstances conducive to wholesome recreation. The gambling element is almost wholly weeded out of the grand stand in this city; and it will only be a question of time when the grand stand umpire, whether in a press box or on a bench less favorably situated for honest criticism, will have to abate himself and keep his too-ready and too-voluminous knowledge under better control. In a purely local view of the base ball situation, therefore, things look rosy, even if the local players were somewhat dilatory in getting down to business.

The great danger in the State league at present is encountered in what is aptly summed up as "dirty ball playing." There is altogether too much of ruffianism and conspicuous vulgarity in the game, taken as a whole, than is wholesome for the amusement's future. In games in which a certain club participated, one player one day hit the

umpire with the ball; the next day another player hit him with his clinched fist, and the third day the umpire was mobbed and, it is reported, had to alter a decision to save his life. Lastly, with the State league season little more than a week old, we have the manager of a third club refusing to play out the schedule with a fourth club until the playing members of the latter can be taught to behave like gentlemen, at least while within the view of respectable audiences.

No pastime can prosper upon such a plane as this. The State league cannot last if it proposes to tolerate rowdism. It has to be admitted that at least two of the umpires under salary from this organization are incompetent and annoying; but no action of an umpire on the peaceful side of assault with intent to kill can justify the ruffianly tactics and the foul talk that have unfortunately become common incidents of exciting games in certain cities in this circuit. The game as a public amusement must be disinfected and reorganized, else the decent part of the public will have little to do with it.

THE REQUEST of Richard Croker to be relieved of the detailed work connected with his management of the Tammany machine, combined with the common report that this wily schemer hopes to induce Oscar Strauss to be the Tammany candidate for mayor next fall, in the hope of diverting the gathering storm of antagonism to his corrupt sway, indicates that he is not so little affected by public sentiment as he tries to have it appear. There is a certain claim on our admiration in the shrewdness with which he foresees that this is not likely to be his kind of year, politically; but even this low cunning cannot escape the popular wrath that is slowly condensing over the head of Bill Tweed's pupil and successor, the present uncrowned king of Manhattan island.

## Next Massacre Day.

This year's commemoration of the Wyoming massacre on July 3 promises, from present indications, to be exceptionally enjoyable. Judge Sylvester Dana, of Concord, N. H., is to deliver the historical address, and his widespread renown as a polished and scholarly orator assures an effort worthy of the time and theme. Following Judge Dana, with brief remarks supplementary to the regular oration, Dr. J. R. Boyle and Sidney R. Miner will speak. Ten-minute biographical sketches of L. D. Shoemaker and Dr. H. Hollister, both of whom were active members and at various times vice presidents of the Wyoming Commemorative association, will be read, and the musical numbers intervening will, as usual, be appropriate and inspiring.

The association is exceptionally fortunate this year in its official organization. The mere mention of the names and positions suffices to commend it as uncommonly strong. Calvin Parsons is president. Among the vice-presidents are Garret M. Harding, Sheldon Reynolds, William L. Conyngham, Benjamin Dorrance and Charles A. Miner. The secretary, Dr. F. C. Johnson, is justly celebrated for his historical researches as well as for his efficiency and success in contemporary affairs; while in George H. Baker, as corresponding secretary, Dr. Harry Hakes as treasurer, and William A. Wilson as librarian, the association has members notably conspicuous in the intellectual life of the Wyoming valley.

It is to be regretted that the general tendency of educated Americans is not more marked in the direction of local historical research. Careful study of the ties of lineage and interwoven biography, and familiarity with the receding past of his home community makes of any man, however liberal and steady by instinct and disposition, a broader and truer citizen. There is something in such an inquiry which puts the student in better touch with human nature and into kinder accord with contemporary events. These annual commemorations at Wyoming on Massacre day would perform an invaluable service to Northeastern Pennsylvania if they did nothing more than direct attention to the wide field of interesting research connected with a single episode of the battle for independence. Being also most enjoyable as mere pastimes, they are doubly valuable and doubly worthy of the public's active interest.

IT IS ALL very well for Mr. Balfour, as leader of the English opposition, to declare enthusiastically in favor of the rehabilitation of silver by international agreement. That means fresh embarrassment to the Liberals, whose present chief was, until recently, related by marriage to the greatest "gold bug" family in Europe. But it is quite another matter to procure the needed international agreement. The man who can effect this will have large claim to universal gratitude.

## Iconoclastic A. Smith.

This is an age of disenchantment! With the march of time the idols of the past are crumbling and falling to dust. Great thinkers of the day are constantly destroying the cherished legends of past ages and are replacing highly tinted lines of history to cold, matter of fact statements, and are in many other ways rendering pointless the most thrilling efforts of the "truthful Janelles" of other centuries.

The assertions that Shakespeare did not write Shakespeare, and that Christopher Columbus did not discover America and that Barbara Freiliche did not wave the flag at Stonewall Jackson at Fredericksburg, are now followed by the announcement that Joan of Arc was not burned at the stake. The brave individual who has thus dared to cast a shadow of doubt over this most delightful number of Sunday school library literature is one Adolphe Smith. According to Smith, the Maid of Orleans was an ordinary person not entitled to any more credit than one of Coxey's angels of peace. He insinuates that Joan was a plain fanatic; that she cut no figure as a fighter and that instead of being burned at the stake she married and settled down and became a matron in a household devoid of glory.

This propensity of ages of the present to destroy the bright legends of the past is certainly discouraging. In days of youth we have gazed with deep admiration upon the portraits of Joan seated on a white horse at the head of her army clothed in a shirt of mail,

with her hair arranged as a Sutherland sisters; and the pictures of the martyr at the stake with the flames stealing over the tops of her russet shoes lacked only the presence of the howling Indian warriors indulging in weird terpsichorean exercise to make them perfect ideals in the eyes of the small boy.

But now all is over. Joan was not roasted and from the insinuations of Smith her sacred sword was just as likely to have been a broomstick. Just think of it! The Maid of Orleans fat, fair and forty, and the mother of six children! Upon the whole it seems a matter of regret that both Joan and Smith were not burned at the same post.

THE RE-NOMINATION of President Judge Thomas J. Clayton, of Delaware county, is unfortunately clearly foreshadowed by the detailed returns of last Wednesday's primaries. Considering the character of the opposition, Judge Clayton's re-nomination would obviously be a public misfortune. He has been repeatedly accused by trustworthy witnesses of practices and political associations which no reputable voter would care endorse. His victory will mean the defeat of pure methods and the humiliation of citizens who had hoped for the cleansing of a perverted bench. This victory, by all accounts, is not a sober endorsement of an intelligent majority but the contribution of grateful corruptionists proffered over the prostrate form of justice and fair play. If the Republicans of Delaware county should decide that Judge Clayton does not fairly represent the party and should either refuse to vote for him or choose an independent candidate, it would be a wholesome rebuke to methods that no honest man can or dare sanction by voice or vote.

## BRIEF JOTTINGS OF POLITICS.

The proposed Henry Clay league of Republican clubs, which originated in Pottsville, is getting on famously. A permanent organization of club No. 1 has just been effected, with a roster of members representing many moving powers in Republican county politics. This is the list of officers: President, Capt. B. C. Henderson, vice president, Gen. J. R. Staggins, John Struthers, Philadelphia; Col. H. R. Thompson, John F. Greenawald, Col. J. C. Trick; secretary, Charles A. Snyder, financial secretary, Capt. J. Frank Warrick; treasurer, J. K. Seigfried, moderator, Daniel Lewis, vice moderators, William R. Shaefer, C. R. Acker, S. G. Collins, C. H. Hazard and G. A. Berner. The initiation fee is \$25. Meetings are held twice each month and any Republican voter is eligible to membership. The idea does not conflict with the State league of Republican clubs, but will be a valuable supplement to it.

The various Republican clubs of Harrisburg, who will next September be called upon to entertain the annual convention of the State League of Republican clubs, have organized for that hospitable purpose by the election of Senate Librarian Miller, chairman; Major John W. Simpson, vice-chairman; Captain John H. Campbell, secretary; and District Attorney Detweiler, treasurer. A permanent executive committee was appointed. An effort will be made to make A. W. Norris, a young lawyer of that city, one of the vice-presidents of the league, and a resolution looking to that end was unanimously agreed to. Mr. Norris was chosen to deliver the address of welcome to the delegates to the convention.

Novelists never cease. Now we are called to chronicle the organization in Crawford county of a "Association for the Promotion of a Pure Ballot and an Honest Count." That there is a field for political purification in Crawford county, in both parties, will not be disputed by anybody familiar with the ins and outs. The question is how this field can be covered by an organization which seems to have exhausted most of its energies on its long name.

It is a curious evidence of the utter lack of bottom to the Pennsylvania Democracy at this time that the suggestion of a possible candidacy in opposition to Hastings is no sooner made than there is some disgruntled Bourbon faction ready to rear up with a scolding protest. The objection that the Hon. Henry Hastings, raised against Colonel H. Hastings, for instance, is that he "bears his name in the middle."

It is deemed significant by some that after Lucius Rogers, of Kane, the candidate of the anti-state group for secretary of internal affairs, had emerged from a prolonged consultation with Senator Quay, at Washington, the other day, he admitted that he "looked like Hastings, Lyon, Myke, Latta, Brown and Hall."

Walter Lyon frankly admits that Jack Johnson "is making a good fight," but he thinks it is too much to expect the eastern end of the state to get everything. As of the west are entitled to the second place on the ticket, even if the geographic locution is all that I can boast of.

Colonel Boyd, the post-politician of the Luzerne untitled, concludes a scathing broadside at the House team with the cry: "Hastings, Brown and Hall, only built for one, and he is pushing it at a fast pace. He just blows."

Republican primaries will be held on Saturday in Allegheny, Dauphin, Tioga and Washington counties, and they will practically close up the state convention ranks.

Has the Tariff Debate Reached This? Springfield Union.

Professor Wilson, is this your bill? Is it yours and you love it still? Or is it rather a better bill that you must have now, although it still? Come, tell us truly and say it slow if you ever expected it thus to grow! Do the schedules still suit, whether high or low, and do you expect it to be a good? No wonder if your health is bad, that your legs are weak and your face is sad; no wonder that nothing can make you glad when of such a bill you are called the dad.

No Trifling Matter. We'll not worry over the beaches, but our north must stand stop When a fear this country reaches For the Georgia melon crop. —Washington Post.

He'd Better Act Quickly. Philadelphia Inquirer.

If it is pertinent to the occasion, we would suggest that General Harry get up a habes corpus that he may be enabled successfully to locate the remnant of his party.

Will Soon Be in Season. After the foot ball is over— After the field is clear— Straighten my nose and shoulder; Help me to find my ear. —St. Louis Humorist.

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Of building lots overlooking town  
That double value so.

I'm tired of ladies who remain  
Unmoved from sheer choice;  
Of maids who sing, yet plead and feign  
To have indeed no voice;  
Of girls who never novels buy,  
Of clerks who know before I ask  
Of raffle tickets bought  
Of youth just home from college high,  
Who knows it all—his way.

I'm tired of seeing ballet twirls  
By girls whose sons can vote;  
Of seeing fluff golden curls  
That peroxide denote;  
Of clerks who know before I ask  
The very thing I want,  
Of would-be friends who neath the mask  
Of bluntness hurl the taunt.

I'm tired of fatal accident  
By gun unloaded quick;  
Of tonic, surely "heaven sent,"  
That puts all ill to flight;  
Of drivers and of motor men  
Who never look my way;  
Of him who borrows just a ten,  
And quite forgets to pay.

I'm tired of hearing old friends prate  
Of days perfection fraught;  
Of never hearing, lose or take,  
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